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Shawn:

See below. "Frothing water" reported upstream of Freedom Ind. WV has responded and taken samples. Suspect that it may be naturally occurring.

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**Subject:** Re: SPOT REPORT - WV Water Incident Reported by WV Health

Should we convene the call we have discussed?

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### **Situation:**

WV Health Department notified HHS Region 3 Office @ 12:20 pm of some actions the State has taken related to sightings of a **frothy white substance in the Elk River near Freedom Industries around 11 am**. Frothing is seen in other parts of the river. State suspects that it is a natural phenomenon or that something else has been put into the water.

*(Note: Freedom Industries was company that released chemical into Elk earlier this year and is currently not operating).*

### **Actions:**

- Water intake company just downstream closed intake from river for two hours but has since re-opened.
- State Environmental Protection took samples and they are being processed.
- State EOC and WV Health are on alert and monitoring.
- Should the situation escalate, State Health will contact HHS Region 3 to convene a Technical Assessment Call with State EMA, State Health, FEMA R3, R3 EPA and ATSDR.
- No ESF 8 federal requests.



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